

**For Immediate Release**  
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## **City Of Columbus Asks OSU Area Residents To Move Their Parked Cars As Street Sweeping Season Begins There Friday**

The city of Columbus asks residents in neighborhoods around The Ohio State University area to move their parked cars off the street this Friday, April 8, 2011, to allow street sweeping crews room to clean streets. Vehicles that are not moved to allow street sweepers to work in the area will be impounded and towed at the owner's expense.

Department of Public Service crews will conduct street sweeping this Friday within the following boundaries:

- North: Arcadia Avenue
- South: East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- East: North 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- West: Neil Avenue

Permanent red and white no parking signs alerting motorists to days that street sweeping occurs between April and October are posted on the streets within the above boundaries. The signs include

- Days that street sweeping occurs (i.e.: First and third Fridays of the month), April 1 through October 31)
- Hours of the day that the parking restrictions are in effect
- That the parking restrictions are for street cleaning

Motorists who do have their vehicles towed may pick them up at the city of Columbus' Impound Lot at 2700 Impound Lot Road, just off Haul Road at State Route 104.

The Department of Public Service has these friendly reminders for motorists to prevent being ticketed or towed for illegal parking:

- Before you park, always check posted signage for hours of enforcement, no parking zones, permit-only or handicapped-only parking
- Always check the hours of enforcement posted on a parking meter to make sure you purchase enough time on the meter
- Cars parked at expired meters during enforcement hours are subject to ticketing and possible impoundment
- Cars parked illegally in no parking, handicapped-only or permit-only zones, and areas with no parking during specific hours are subject to ticketing and possible impoundment
- If you have any doubt whether you can park legally in a spot, go to the next nearest parking spot where you are certain you can park legally

### **City of Columbus Street Sweeping Facts**

- ◆ Street sweeping is done on a citywide, including five neighborhoods that have permanent signs posted that identify parking restrictions. The neighborhoods with the posted signs are:

- German Village
  - Italian Village
  - Harrison West
  - Neil Avenue
  - The Ohio State University area
- ◆ Cars not moved during posted sweeping dates will be towed at the owner's expense and other fines may apply
  - ◆ The purpose of sweeping streets is to remove dirt, litter and debris from curbs to prevent the materials from being washed by rain into storm sewers. Litter and debris washed into storm sewers subsequently is carried to our waterways.
  - ◆ Street sweeping on Columbus streets with posted street sweeping signs is conducted April 1 through November 16, and is done on a weather-permitting basis. Several areas are swept year-round:
    - Downtown area is swept weekly year-round, weather permitting
    - State Routes 315 and 104 are swept once a month year-round, weather permitting
  - ◆ The city of Columbus has 17 street sweeping vehicles
  - ◆ Contact the city of Columbus 311 Customer Service Center at 311 or 645-3111 or online at [www.311.columbus.gov](http://www.311.columbus.gov) for general information about street sweeping in Columbus,
  - ◆ Motorists who have their cars towed during street sweeping activities are advised to contact the City Impound Lot at 645-6400